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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 29, 2002, made final by the Examiner ("Paper No. 14"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application is a Response to Office Action mailed November 29, 2002.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The extension fee for response within the first month is \$110.00 for a large entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110.00 fee and any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

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